

# ECC Hosts Table Tennis Championships

Top stars from the world of table tennis will gather at the El Camino College gymnasium this weekend for the annual Pacific Coast Championships. Admission is free. The tourney, which is the second largest in the country, will run from noon to midnight on Saturday and from 1 p.m. to the conclusion of the finals Sunday.

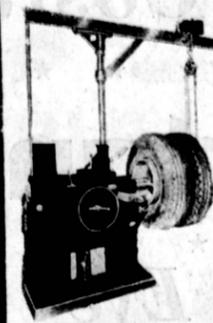
INCLUDED ON the impressive list of entries are Irwin Klein, recognized national champion and the only man in his sport to be enshrined in the Helms Hall of Fame; Lennie Cooperman, top-seeded player on the Pacific Coast; Eddie Kanter, worldwide traveler with the Harlem Globetrotters, and Shonie Aki, recent winner of the Anaheim Invitational. Irwin Boxer, El Camino mathematics instructor and coordinator for the tournament, announced that Chuck Medick,

a member of the sports staff of a local daily newspaper, will return to referee the 7:30 p.m. championships, Sunday evening. MEDICK is the only known blind official in the world and his handling of the finals last year was incredible. Open competition entry blanks will be available at the tournament and the public is welcome to participate. COMPETITION will feature events in boys' singles (below 18 years), junior men (ages 18-25), men's singles (25-35), jun-

ior veterans (35-40), veterans' (40-50) and Esquires' (50 and over). Action will also be provided in the girls' singles, women's singles, women's doubles and men's doubles. "WE ARE fully aware that table tennis isn't exactly considered a sport in the United States, but the impact of it on the rest of the world is almost astonishing," Boxer observed. "For example, in Europe, table tennis ranks third only to soccer, and it attracts upwards to 15,000 people for their

championship events," Boxer continued. "WHEN YOU consider that there is only one call containing 10 tables in Los Angeles County and 29 halls containing 15 tables in Japan, you begin to realize why table tennis is Japan's national sport," Boxer added. This weekend's tournament will serve as a basis for determining the ranking of points for the U.S. nationals, scheduled for an April engagement in Detroit's ultramodern Cobo Hall, which seats 10,825.

"WE HAD about 350 people attend our finals last year and if we can get the support of the college Associated Students, I plan to have this a yearly affair at El Camino," Boxer concluded. Sunday night's finale, which will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m., will determine champions in women's singles, men's doubles, mixed doubles and master's competitions. Other crownings will occur on Saturday evening.



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## Unsuccessful Tribe Meets Santa Monica

Unsuccessful in practice games and unable to get clutch late-inning pitching, El Camino College baseballers kick off their 1963 Metro Conference slate tomorrow at Santa Monica City College. The Warriors launch their home schedule Saturday afternoon against Long Beach City College. Last year's ECC-SMCC diamond rivalry saw the Braves cop the initial game, 7-6. Samo rallied late in the second contest to hold the Warriors to a 5-5 deadlock.

SANTA MONICA is coached by 16-year veteran Dave McNeil, a 1938 graduate of the University of California. McNeil was a four-sport monogram winner during his prep days at Pasadena's Muir High School and later reached greater athletic plateaus at Pasadena City College.

RETURNING from the 1962 Corsair nine are infielders Roy Straight, a slick fielding first baseman, and second sacker Jerry Brewer. Right fielder Ronnie Kasser, an All-Metropolitan Conference selectee last season, also returns to the Buc pasture.

COACH McNEIL will build his mound force around all-conference transfer Rick Bradbury, a fireballing hurler who toiled at Long Beach City last spring. Freshman prospects are headed by All-Western League chucker Dallas Bethea and Johnny Stack, a crafty moundsman from Westchester High.

SHAPING UP the Corsairs' all-important left side of the infield are shortstop Bill Mason, a slick-moving prepster at Santa Monica High and hot-cornerman Jay Garacochea, an

All-league selection at University High. Catching appears to be the club's big pitfall, with two freshmen, Gary Glynn and Randy Iverson, the heir apparent to the throne.

READY TO bring victory back to El Camino coach Chuck Freeman and his horseholders will be the likes of Lance Vlach, a graduate in Inglewood and the victim of a ninth-inning gopher ball at Compton, and outfielder Bob Pier, donning the blue and gray wools after a successful stint with the Tribe hoopers. Catcher Ron Schneider, first baseman Eddie Beckwith, second baseman Neil Minami, shortstop Rusty Foreman and third sacker Bob Hettig are scheduled to plug up the Tribe interior defense, shaky in previous games this season. Saturday's home tilt is slated to begin at noon.

## Gable House Bowlers Top 200 Standard

Several bowlers have cracked the 200 mark in league play at Gable House recently. J.R. Higgins bowled a 290 game in the 880 Classic League while rolling a 703 series. Betty Donahue had a 22 and a 235 in a 686 series, while Mary South had a 233 in a 612 series. Other high games included Evelyn May, 224; Janelle Hunt, 228 and 222; Grace Santa, 219 and 201; Ingle Matlock, 210 and 207; Edith Company, 203; Dee Smith, 206; Jenny Geren, Doris McGrury, and Dolores Wick, 202 each, and Bonnie White, 200.

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